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SUBJ: FAO COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES (COFI) MEETING, ROME,
JUNE 3-10, 1975.

SUMMARY: COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES IN JUNE 1975 SESSION ADOPTED
RESOLUTION SETTING ADDITIONAL TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ITS SUB-
COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH FISHERIES, EXPANDED MEMBERSHIP
OF THAT COMMITTEE AND SUGGESTED MEETING OF COMMITTEE IN
EARLY 1976. END SUMMARY.

1. COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES CONCLUDED ITS SESSION AS SCHEDULED
AND
AGREED TENTATIVELY TO SCHEDULE ELEVENTH SESSION IN SEPTEMBER
1976 IN ROME. PRECISE TIMING OF MEETING WILL BE LEFT TO
DIRECTOR-GENERAL TO DECIDE IN CONSULTATION WITH CHAIRMAN OF
COFI.

2. DURING CLOSING DAYS OF SESSION, COFI ADOPTED ADDITIONAL
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TERMS OF REFERENCE FOR ITS SUB-COMMITTEE ON DEVELOPMENT OF

COOPERATION WITH INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS CONCERNED WITH FISHERIES AS FOLLOWS:

QUOTE: THE SUB-COMMITTEE - BEARING IN MIND THE DISCUSSIONS HELD BY THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AT ITS NINTH AND TENTH SESSIONS ON THE UNITED NATIONS CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA, TAKING INTO ACCOUNT THE REPORT ON FAO, THE FAO COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND INTERNATIONAL AND REGIONAL FISHERY BODIES (FAO FISHERIES CIRCULAR NO. 331), SHALL (I) CONSIDER THE NATIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ASPECTS OF THE PROBLEM OF EFFECTIVE STUDY, USE, MANAGEMENT AND DEVELOPMENT OF FISHERY RESOURCES UNDER VARIOUS POSSIBLE CONDITIONS; (II) IDENTIFY AND PROPOSE TO THE COMMITTEE MEASURES DESIGNED TO IMPROVE AND FURTHER RATIONALIZE THE EXISTING MECHANISM AND ARRANGEMENTS, WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE TO THE FUNCTIONS TO BE PERFORMED BY VARIOUS FISHERY BODIES, ESPECIALLY THOSE ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE FRAMEWORK OF FAO, AND THE ROLES TO BE PLAYED BY THE COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES AND THE DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES OF FAO, FOR THE PURPOSE OF FURTHERING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE CONTEXT OF ANY NEW LEGAL ORDER THAT MAY GOVERN FISHERIES AND THE INTERACTION OF FISHERIES WITH OTHER USES OF THE OCEAN; (III) MAKE PROPOSALS TO THE COMMITTEE FOR PROMOTING INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN THE NEW CONTEXT, BEARING IN MIND THE SPECIAL PROBLEMS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND THE NEED TO ACCELERATE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY TO THEM IN THE FISHERY SECTOR. END QUOTE.

3. COFI AGREED TO EXPAND MEMBERSHIP OF SUB-COMMITTEE (PRESENTLY 18 COUNTRIES) TO INCLUDE SIX MORE COUNTRIES AND TO FURTHER INCLUDE OTHER MEMBER NATIONS OF FAO AS MAY BE NECESSARY TO ENSURE ADEQUATE REGIONAL REPRESENTATION.

4. COFI AGREED THAT MEETING OF SUB-COMMITTEE SHOULD BE CONVENED EARLY IN 1976. SECRETARIAT WILL ARRANGE FOR PREPARATION OF DOCUMENTATION AND INFORMATION NECESSARY FOR MEETING.

5. DELEGATES TO COFI MEETING (ABOUT 50 COUNTRIES PARTICIPATED) WERE OF VIEW THAT ADOPTION OF ADDITIONAL TERMS OF REFERENCE WOULD BE NECESSARY STEP FOR BODY TO ASSUME INCREASED RESPONSIBILITIES IN CHANGING OCEAN REGIME. VOLPE

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